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SUBJ: VISIT TO USSR BY SIMON RAMO OF TRW

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1. BERDENNIKOV OF SCST AUGUST 29 CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR. RAMO'S VISIT ARE PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY, AND ALL CONCERNED ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF HIM AND HIS PARTY ON SEPTEMBER 7. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT WISHES EXPRESSED BY DR. RAMO IN REF C. WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD AUGUST 28, BERDENNIKOV ALSO GAVE ASSURANCE THAT PREPARATION FOR RAMO VISIT IS IN COMPLETE ORDER AND THAT ADDITION OF SHILLING AND PIERSON IS ACCEPTABLE TO REPRESENT TRW CONTROL SYSTEMS.

2. AS NOTED IN REF. B., SCST HAS EVERY INTENTION OF GIVING ROMO "RED CARPET" TREATMENT, AND EMBASSY IS CONVINCED THAT THIS WILL, IN FACT, BE DONE. SCST FULLY AWARE, AFTER EMBASSY DEMARCHE IN MID-AUGUST, OF DUAL CHARACTER OF RAMO VISIT (PARAS 1 AND 2 , REF A.). IT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO RAMO THAT THE FINAL PROGRAM OF NEARLY EVERY DELEGATION TO THE USSR BECOMES AVAILABLE ONLY ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF PARTY AND IS ORDINARILY PRESENTED TO PARTY ONLY UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. THE ABSENCE OF DEFINITIVE PROGRAM,
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THEREFORE, SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS MATTER OF CONCERN.

3. RE PARA 5. REF.A, SINCE RAMO PARTY INVITED AS GUESTS OF SCST, SCST PREFERS TO PAY EXPENSES. THIS IS NORMAL IN SIMILAR CASES, AND OFFER SHOULD BE ACCEPTED.

4. RE OFFICIAL INVITATION, BERDENNIKOV REPORTS THAT MOROZOV CABLE OF AUGUST 3 AND PRONSKIY LETTER OF SAME DATE ARE BOTH REGARDED AS OFFICIAL INVITATIONS. HE FURTHER CLAIMS THAT HE SENT ADDITIONAL CABLE OF CONFIRMATION AFTER HIS RETURN FROM VACATION IN MID-AUGUST, BUT HE COULD NOT SUPPLY EXACT DATE. IT IS HOPED THAT PRONSKIY LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY NOW. IN ANY CASE, VISA AUTHORIZATION HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON, AND LETTER IS NOT NEEDED TO OBTAIN VISAS, ACCORDING TO BERDENNIKOV. BOTH SCST AND EMBASSY ATTACHE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS VISIT. SCST IS AWARE OF DR. STEVER'S PERSONAL CONCERN THAT RAMO VISIT BE SUCCESSFUL, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE.
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